DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SECOM

VIA: Executive Secretary

STAT   FROM:
                 SECOM Staff

STAT   SUBJECT: Court Security

1. At the 17 April 1979 meeting with court personnel
at the Department of Justice, Mr. Mayer, Special Assistant
to Chief Justice Burger, said he wanted to discuss with me
the next day procedures for obtaining a security review of
FBI investigations on prospective staff personnel for the
STAT   Court. Prior to Mr. Mayer's call I obtained from
STAT   Messrs.   a copy of the procedures that
had been approved in 1976 to govern Director of Security
handling of requests from the Senate Select Committee to
review PSIs on prospective staff employees. I summarized
these to Mr. Mayer when he called, noting in particular that
we limit access to PSI results to three people (D/Sec, DD/PSI
and a designated senior appraiser); that we respond in three
days from time of receipt; that we return investigative files
without retaining any copies; and that we provide the requestor
a letter stating whether we viewed the investigative subjects
as meeting DCID 1/14 criteria for access to SCI. Mr. Mayer
said he was favorably disposed to this approach. His only
concern was that he did not wish requests addressed to a CIA

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official, and would prefer someone who acted in a DCI capacity. I replied that he would reach the same individual by addressing him as Chairman, DCI Security Committee. He said he would do so. Mr. Mayer advised that he would prepare a memorandum requesting investigative review on [   ], the   **STAT** retired government official whom they envisaged retaining as the [   ] Court's legal officer. Mr. Mayer said he would call to arrange for pickup of that memorandum when it is ready.

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2. It is recommended that you alert appropriate Office of Security officials to the imminent receipt of this request and to the need to handle it in the same manner as we do for requests from the SSCI. We should be prepared to provide a similar response in the case of the individual being considered for service as clerk of the [   ] Court. The only remaining   **STAT** person to be associated with the court staff will be the security officer, who will presumably be provided by the DCI and have previously been fully cleared.

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